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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SUAREZ' VIEWS ON THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL  
SITUATION AS PRESENTED TO GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER  
AND OTHER RECENT FOREIGN VISITORS

1. COLLEAGUES FROM THE GERMAN AND OTHER EUROPEAN EMBASSIES  
IN MADRID HAVE PROVIDED THE CHARGE WITH ACCOUNTS OF THE MAIN,  
PARALLEL POLITICAL POINTS MADE BY PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ TO  
GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, LUXEMBOURG PRIME MINISTER  
THORM AND AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PAHR DURING THEIR RKKNT  
VISITS. THE ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE GENSCHER VISIT  
WAS FULLER AND IS SUMMERIZED IN MORE DETAIL BELOW.

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2. GENSCHER HAD PLANNED TO COME FOR TWO DAY, THE FIRST  
DAY TO BE DEVOTED TO OFFICIAL CALLS AND CONVERSATIONS AND  
SECOND DAY TO THE LIBERAL PARTY CONVENTION GOING ON AT  
THAT TIME. THERE WAS ALMOST A CONTRETEMPS AT THE BEGINNING  
BECAUSE GENSCHER HAPPENED TO BRING THE ISRAELI MINISTER OF  
INFORMATION, WHO WAS COMING TO ATTEND THE LIBERAL CONVENTION,  
ON HIS PLANE WITH HIM. THIS COULD HAVE BEEN VERY EMBARRASSING

BECAUSE SPAIN DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. HOWEVER, THE GERMAN EMBASSY ARRANGED TO HAVE THE ISRAELI MINISTER DEPLANE WITHOUT OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC NOTICE AND A POTENTIAL INCIDENT WAS AVOIDED. IN THE END, GENSCHER WAS ABLE TO STAY LESS THAN ONE DAY BECAUSE HE WAS CALLED BACK DUE TO EVENTS IN GERMANY. HE DID COMPLETE ALL HIS OFFICIAL CALLS, BUT DID NOT HAVE ANY MORE THAN THE BRIEFEST OF CONTACT WITH LIBERAL.

3. GENSCHER'S TALK WITH SUAREZ WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PART OF HIS VISIT AND HE WAS IMPRESSED BY SUAREZ' CONFIDENCE AND ARTICULATENESS. WITH REGARD TO THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION, SUAREZ SAID THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE LAIANZA POPULAR COMBINED WITH THE LACK OF ANY SINGLE STRONG LEADER IN THE CENTER WAS WORRISOME. HE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT THERE WAS NO REAL LEADERSHIP IN THE POLITICAL CENTER. THE CLEAR IMPLICATION WAS THAT HE FELT HE SHOULD PLAY A ROLE, BUT HE DID NOT SAY WHAT HE PERSONALLY WAS PLANNING TO DO. ON THE LEFT, HE SAID THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAD EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION BUT DID NOT HAVE MUCH POPULAR APPEAL (HIS WEEKLY POLLS SHOWED ONLY TWO PERCENT BUT HE GAVE IT EIGHT PERCENT ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT PEOPLE WERE RELUCTANT TO REVEAL COMMUNIST SYMPATHIES.) THE PSOE WAS WEAKER THAN MOST ASSUMED. HIS POLLS SHOWED ONLY 12 PERCENT IN VOTE-GETTING POTENTIAL. ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF THE SPANISH POPULACE WAS CENTRIST IN ITS POLITICAL VIEWS.

4. PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ IS SAID TO HAVE GIVEN MUCH THE SAME VIEW OF THE SPANISH POLITICAL SCENE ALSO TO PRIME MINISTER THORN AND FOREIGN MINISTER PAHR. THORN ALSO WAS IMPRESSED  
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BY SUAREZ, BUT, WE ARE TOLD, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED BY THE SPANISH LIBERAL LEADERSHIP THAT HE MET AT THE LIBERAL CONVENTION.EATON

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